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The shortened statutory time period for reply continues to run THREE months from the Office Action mailed JULY 12, 2007.

Claims 2-4, 6-7, 56-59, 62-63, 67-68, 71, 76-77, 79-115, 117 and 119 are pending.

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on 10 April 2007 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent issuing from 09/308,770 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC § 102 and/or 35 USC § 103


2. The quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 that form the basis for the rejections are set forth in the Office Action mailed July 12, 2007.

3. Claims 2-4, 6-7, 56-59, 62-63, 67-68, 71, 76-77, 79-81, 86-88, 90-115, 117 and 119 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over McDaniel et al, US 4,316,807. See the basis for the rejection as set forth in the Office Action mailed July 12, 2007.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

4. Claims 82-85 and 89 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel S. Metzmaier whose telephone number is (571) 272-1089. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.


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